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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE MINISTERS VISIT ZAMBIA

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1. NOTICIAS JAN 10 REPORTED JAN 9 DEPARTURE FOR LUSAKA OF EIGHT-MEMBER MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO DISCUSS JOINT MOZAMBIQUE-ZAMBIAN ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION BEING LED BY FINANCE MINISTER SALOMAO MUNGUAMBE AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING JULIO CARRILHO.

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2. IN SHORT PRE-DEPARTURE STATEMENT, PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER CARRILHO SAID PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO "CONSOLIDATE FRATERNAL RELATIONS" BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA AND TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BENE (MO-ZAMBIQUE)- KATETE (ZAMBIA) ROAD, "WHICH IS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES." CARRILHO STATED ANOTHER OBJECTIVE DURING CURRENT VISIT WOULD BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "PROCEDURES THAT WILL PERMIT ACCELERATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD, WHICH WAS STARTED LAST OCTOBER." FINANCE MINISTER MUNGUAMBE NOTED THAT DELEGATION WOULD ALSO ATTEMPT ESTABLISH AND "DEFINE BASES FOR FINANCING" ROAD PROJECT.

3. MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION (WHICH ALSO INCLUDES ABDUL MAZID OSMAN, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, FRANCISCO PEREIRO, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MOZAMBIQUE JUNTA AUTONOMIA DE ESTRADAS, LOPES PEREIRA, FISCAL MANAGER OF BENE-KATETE PROJCT, JOSE MIGUEL PINTO, JOSE BENEDITO

WETELA AND TOMAS SALAMAO) EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN LUSAKA UNTIL JAN 14.

4. COMMENT: BENE-KATETE ROAD, WHICH IS NOW NEARLY IMPASSABLE BECAUSE OF THE RAINS, IS ONLY BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUE ON WHICH GOVERNMENTS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA ARE CURRENTLY WORKING. COMPLETION OF BENE-KATETE ROAD, HOWEVER, IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO ZAMBIANAS THAT TO MOZAMBICANS. SINCE ERUPTION OF FIGHTING IN ANGOLA, ZAMBIA HAS HAD TO RELY INCREASINGLY ON EAST AFRICAN PORTS, AND OUR LAST FIGURES ESTIMATE THAT ZAMBIA IN SEPT 1975 HAD OVER 40,000 TONS OF GOODS BACKLOGGED IN BEIRA. THIS BACKLOG HAS LIKELY INCREASED SINCE ADVENT OF RAINY SEASON LATE NOV 75 WHICH HAS IMPEDED BENE-KATETE ROAD.

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